



# REGIONAL COALITION OF LANL COMMUNITIES

City of Española – Los Alamos County – Rio Arriba County – Santa Fe County  
City of Santa Fe – Taos County – Town of Taos – Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh – Pueblo of Jemez

## **REGIONAL COALITION MEETING AGENDA**

**Santa Fe County Chambers**  
**102 Grant Ave Santa Fe, NM 87501**  
**August 14, 2015**  
**9:00a-11:00a**

**A. Call to Order – Commissioner Trujillo – 9:00a-**

**B. Confirmation of Quorum – Commissioner Trujillo**

**C. Approval of Agenda – Commissioner Trujillo**

**D. Approval of Meeting Minutes - 9:15a (Tab A)**

**E. Discussion/Action Items (1 hr, 25mins) 9:15 – 10:40a**

1. NM Congressional Delegation Updates (5 mins) 9:15-9:20a
2. Presentation on the future of LANL Workforce (30 mins) 9:30-10:00a (Tab B)
3. Presentation on Tech Transfer in NM by Katie Richardson, Sen. Heinrich, David Pisiri, Feynman Center for Innovation (30 mins) 10:00a-10:30a (Tab C)
4. Updates for Board Members (10 min) 10:30a – 10:39a
  - a. Recap of ECA Meeting on Manhattan Project National Historic Park – Councilor Henderson (3 min)
  - b. Approve ED travel and any interested Board Members for DOE National Cleanup Workshop (1 min) (Tab D)
  - c. Approve sponsorship authorization for Regional Development Corporation 'REDI State of the Region Conference' (1 min) (Tab E)
  - d. Budget Update by Brian Bosshardt (2 min) (Tab F)
  - e. Report from the Executive Director (3 min) (Tab G)

**F. Meetings at a Glance (5 mins) 10:42a-10:47a (Tab H)**

**G. Public Comment (20 mins) 10:47a-11:02a**

**H. Adjournment – 11:02a**

**About the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities:**

*The Regional Coalition is comprised of nine cities, towns, counties and pueblos surrounding the Department of Energy's Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). Founded in 2011, the Regional Coalition works in partnership to ensure national decisions incorporate local needs and concerns. The organization's focus is environmental remediation, regional economic development and site employment, and adequate funding for LANL. The 2015 Board of Directors includes Chair, Commissioner Barney Trujillo, Rio Arriba County; Vice-Chair, Mayor Javier Gonzales, City of Santa Fe; Secretary/Treasurer, Councilor Kristin Henderson, Los Alamos County; Mayor Alice Lucero, City of Española, Commissioner Henry Roybal, Santa Fe County; Andrew Gonzales, Town of Taos; Commissioner Mark Gallegos, Taos County; Governor Earl Salazar, Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh; and Governor Raymond Loretto, Pueblo of Jemez.*

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**Los Alamos Municipal Building**  
**Boards & Commissions Conference Room #110**  
**1000 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM**  
**July 10, 2015**  
**9:00a-11:00a**

## Meeting Minutes

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### Attendance

Chair, Mayor Alice Lucero, City of Española; Vice-Chair, Councilor Andrew Gonzales, Town of Taos; Secretary/Treasurer, Mayor Javier Gonzales, City of Santa Fe; Commissioner Henry Roybal, Santa Fe County; Commissioner Barney Trujillo, Rio Arriba County, Councilor Kristin Henderson, Los Alamos County, Commissioner Mark Gallegos, Taos County.

#### **A. Call to Order – Chair Lucero**

Chair Lucero called the meeting to order at 9:00.

#### **B. Confirmation of Quorum – Chair Lucero**

1 Chair Lucero confirmed there was a quorum.

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3 **C. Approval of Agenda – Chair Lucero**

4 Chair Lucero asked the Board to review and approve the agenda as presented.

5 Commissioner Barney Trujillo moved to approve the agenda.

6 Councilor Andrew Gonzales seconded the motion to approve the agenda.

7 Chair Lucero called for a vote to approve the agenda.

8 The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the agenda.

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10 **D. Approval of Meeting Minutes – Chair Lucero**

11 Chair Lucero asked the board to review and approve the meeting minutes as presented for  
12 the RCLC Board meeting that was held on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

13 Mayor Javier Gonzales moved to approve the meeting minutes.

14 Commissioner Henry Roybal seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes.

15 Chair Lucero called for a vote to approve the minutes.

16 The Board voted unanimously in favor of approving the meeting minutes.

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18 **E. Discussion/Action Items**

19 1. Chair Lucero stated that the next item on the agenda was the election of officers.  
20 Officers are elected every July and serve for one year. Chair Lucero began the election with  
21 the Chair position, and stated that she was interested in remaining as the Chair of the  
22 Coalition. Chair Lucero opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

23  
24 Andrew Gonzales nominated Chair Lucero to continue serving as the Coalition Chair.

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26 Commissioner Henry Roybal nominated Commissioner Barney Trujillo for the position of  
27 Chair.

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29 Mayor Javier Gonzales (JG): Mayor Lucero, is it possible that since the position of Chair is  
30 contested, both nominees could take a minute and tell the Board why they wish to be  
31 Chair before we vote? I think that would be helpful.

32  
33 Chair Alice Lucero (AL): Thank you, Mayor. Sure, I'll let Barney go ahead and go first, if  
34 he'd like.

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36 Commissioner Barney Trujillo (BT): Thank you Mayor. Thank you everyone for being here  
37 this morning. My name is Barney Trujillo, and I am a County Commissioner from Rio  
38 Arriba County. This has been my first year serving on the Coalition, and Rio Arriba County  
39 is really involved with Los Alamos County and with the Laboratory and its mission. I  
40 believe that the role of the Coalition is not only to protect our natural resources, but also to  
41 optimize and maximize our relationship with the Laboratory. I think it's very important that  
42 we build relationships with our constituents and build better relationships with those who  
43 provide the services for cleanup of the environmental management sites at Los Alamos. I  
44 think it's very important for us to go to Washington, DC and have a clear message. I want  
45 to thank the Mayor for the time she has served as the Chair. I believe she's done an  
46 excellent job in terms of trying to be a voice for the Coalition and these communities. I ask  
47 for your vote today, fellow Board members, because I feel like I can do a very good job in  
48 terms of coordination and leadership and building the gap that I believe exists between our

1 communities and the Laboratory. I think that LANL has done a good job, but there are also  
2 a lot of voices that need to be heard from our communities. I believe that I can be that  
3 voice that can help, with all of your help, to lead our communities in our relationship with  
4 LANL going forward. Thank you.

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6 AL: Thank you Commissioner Trujillo. I've been the Chair of this Coalition for a little over  
7 a year now, and prior to that I was the Vice-Chair, and I think that we've come a long way.  
8 We have gained the respect of our colleagues from other states who are also members of  
9 Energy Communities and are supporting their National Laboratories. In addition, for all the  
10 times we've gone to Washington, while many of us have attended we've been able to  
11 speak with one voice because we understand that it's important that we represent our  
12 communities as best we can. I have developed a strong relationship with the NNSA and  
13 DOE, with Environmental Management and I feel that at this time we need continuity for  
14 this Board. I'd like to remain as chair for the next year if I may and continue the work that  
15 we've been doing with LANL and with each of the communities and represent you all to  
16 the best of my ability. Thank you.

17  
18 Chair Lucero asked if the Board wanted to have a private vote, or vote by a show of hands.  
19 Councilor Kristin Henderson recommended that they should go down the table and have  
20 each Board members state who they vote for.

21  
22 Mayor Gonzales stated that he believed it was important to offer various members the  
23 opportunity for leadership, and cast his vote for Commissioner Trujillo.

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25 Commissioner Roybal stated that he believed either candidate would be great in the  
26 position of Chair, and cast his vote for Commissioner Trujillo.

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28 Commissioner Trujillo stated that like Mayor Gonzales, he believed that everyone should  
29 have a turn at leadership, and cast his vote for himself.

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31 Councilor Gonzales stated that he believed continuity would best move the Board forward  
32 and cast his vote for Mayor Lucero.

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34 Councilor Henderson stated that she believed it was important for the overall strength of  
35 the organization to allow others to have leadership positions, and she cast her vote for  
36 Commissioner Trujillo.

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38 Commissioner Mark Gallegos stated that a change in leadership would exhibit the  
39 increased diversity of the Board and cast his vote for Commissioner Trujillo.

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41 With five votes Commissioner Trujillo was elected the new Chair of the Coalition. Mayor  
42 Lucero thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve and handed the meeting over to  
43 Commissioner Trujillo.

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45 Chair Trujillo opened the floor for nominations for the Vice-Chair position.

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47 Mayor Lucero nominated Councilor Gonzales to be Vice-Chair.

1 Chair Trujillo nominated Mayor Gonzales to be Vice-Chair.

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3 Councilor Gonzales nominated Governor Raymond Loretto for the position of Vice-Chair.

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5 AG: I can also that I've been extremely busy over the course of the last six months and  
6 haven't been able to give 100% of my attention to this Executive position. Although I'm  
7 certainly engaged with the Regional Coalition as a Board member, I believe Andrea  
8 mentioned that Governor Loretto had inquired about serving on the Executive Committee  
9 in some capacity so I would like to nominate Governor Loretto.

10  
11 Chair Trujillo noted that Governor Loretto was not present at the meeting and offered  
12 Mayor Gonzales the opportunity to inform the Board about why he was interested in the  
13 Vice-Chair position.

14  
15 JG: Thank you, Chairman, and thank you Councilor Gonzales for your service. I, like  
16 Councilor Gonzales, have been strapped for time over the last year, but I do feel that  
17 participation at the Executive Committee level for the people of Santa Fe is a critical  
18 obligation that I need to fulfill. If elected by the Board to serve in this position I will work  
19 to make sure that certain that participation that is required as a committee members is  
20 there and so I ask for the Board to allow me to be able to continue to serve on the  
21 Executive Committee in the position of Vice-Chair for the Coalition. Thank you.

22  
23 Commissioner Trujillo opened the vote for the Vice-Chair position.

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25 Commissioner Roybal commented that all three were great candidates for the position and  
26 cast his vote for Mayor Javier Gonzales.

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28 Chair Trujillo cast his vote for Mayor Javier Gonzales.

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30 Mayor Lucero voted for Councilor Andrew Gonzales.

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32 Councilor Andrew Gonzales cast his vote for Governor Loretto.

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34 Councilor Henderson cast her vote for Mayor Javier Gonzales.

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36 Commissioner Gallegos cast his vote for Mayor Javier Gonzales.

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38 With five votes Mayor Javier Gonzales was elected the new Vice-Chair of the Coalition.

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40 Chair Trujillo then opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer.

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42 JG: Thank you, Chair Trujillo. One thing I've come to recognize having served in this  
43 position is that the closer you are to Los Alamos, the better you can serve in this position,  
44 particularly when it comes to reviewing and approving invoices. I would like to say that  
45 I've enjoyed meeting and getting to know Kristin over the past year and I think it would  
46 certainly be appropriate for the County to hold membership on the Executive Committee.  
47 Taking into consideration the ease of staff getting invoices approved, I would like to  
48 nominate Councilor Kristin Henderson to be the Secretary/Treasurer of the Coalition.

1 Chair Trujillo asked if there were any other nominations for the position of  
2 Secretary/Treasurer, and there were none. Chair Trujillo named Councilor Henderson the  
3 new Secretary/Treasurer of the Coalition.

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5 Kristin Henderson (KH): Thank you for trusting me, and I appreciate being nominated. I  
6 think this is a really important organization for northern New Mexico and so I look forward  
7 to continuing to work with it. Thank you.

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9 2. Chair Trujillo stated that the next item on the agenda was updates from the  
10 Congressional delegations.

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12 BT: Hello. Please state your name for the record.

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14 Michele Jacquez-Ortiz, representative from Senator Tom Udall's office (MJ): Michele  
15 thanked Mayor Lucero and the previous Executive Committee officers on behalf of Senator  
16 Udall for their service during the previous year. She stated that they all put an incredible  
17 amount of time, effort, and heart into their work and did a great job. She welcomed the new  
18 officers and stated that Senator Udall's office was truly looking forward to working with  
19 them. Michele updated the Board about how Senator Udall and nine of his Congressional  
20 colleagues called on Congressional leadership, both Democratic and Republican, House  
21 and Senate, as well as the President, urging them to sit down together to hash out a deal in  
22 order to avoid a budget cliff. The Senator has been saying for the past few months how  
23 concerned he is. He doesn't want to head into another situation where the federal  
24 government reverts back to sequestration levels. They sent a letter to Pelosi and McConnell  
25 and folks on both sides of the House and Michele read a couple of excerpts from that letter  
26 in order to give the Board an idea of what is going on. She stated that while it may not be  
27 on everyone's radar, the issue of sequestration is going to be felt by all. They are trying to  
28 mitigate something before summer recess and they're hoping that over the next two and a  
29 half weeks Congress can reach a resolution. If they don't, the fall will be very interesting.  
30 An excerpt from the letter:

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32 *"We are deeply concerned that a failure to reach on budget cap relief this summer will*  
33 *threaten our national security and undermine our economy. It's critical that you begin*  
34 *negotiations now in order to avoid another manufactured crisis this fall. Sequestration caps*  
35 *have already proven to be unworkable, and make it impossible to responsibly invest in*  
36 *bipartisan priorities. Nobody wins if Congress fails to craft a bipartisan plan or if Congress*  
37 *simply gives up and allows all federal agencies to operate for another year without any*  
38 *direction or oversight from Congress. Instead of relying on budget gimmicks and trying to*  
39 *score cheap political points, we urge everyone to focus on the fact that the American*  
40 *people are understandably sick and tired of these games. They expect us to find a*  
41 *responsible bipartisan path forward to properly invest in our economy without increasing*  
42 *the deficit just as Senator Patty Murray and Congressman Paul Ryan did in 2013. While*  
43 *Republicans and Democrats on the Senate Appropriations committee are doing their best*  
44 *to report bills to move our country forward, their efforts are significantly hampered by the*  
45 *sequestration level budget caps in place for FY2016. Sequestration caps make it nearly*  
46 *impossible to responsibly invest in critical programs even when there is clear bipartisan*  
47 *support. We are confident that Congress and the White House can develop a common-*  
48 *sense solution to replace sequestration and we stand ready to work with all of you."*

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2 MJ: The issue of the budget cap relief will be played out in Washington over the next two  
3 or three weeks. If they go into the summer recess and nothing positive happens, this will be  
4 the issue that all of you will be hearing about. Michele offered the members of the Board a  
5 copy of the letter she read from, and stated that anyone who desired a meeting with  
6 Senator Udall's office would be able to get a more detailed briefing. She reiterated that this  
7 is an issue that affects every level of funding from towns and county funding, city funding  
8 and veterans, and particularly national security and LANL.  
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10 Councilor Gonzales asked Michele at what time during the fall the sequestration would go  
11 into effect. He expressed concerns about the timing of the Coalition's scheduled trip to  
12 Washington, DC in September and asked Michele for information on that schedule.  
13

14 Michele urged the Coalition to stay the course with their messaging and urge their elected  
15 officials to put pressure on those in power to reach a resolution. She strongly advised that  
16 the Board do all they could in terms of pressuring their elected officials to work to avoid a  
17 government shutdown similar to what happened a couple of years ago.  
18

19 Councilor Gonzales stated that the Board might consider drafting a resolution urging their  
20 leadership to stay the course with Senator Udall's message and asked the Executive  
21 Director to look into said resolution. She mentioned partnering with the Coalition's  
22 contacts at the Energy Communities Alliance (ECA) to get them on board, stating that the  
23 more voices of reason trying to get Congress to come together, the better.  
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25 Kristin Henderson stated that as the Treasurer of the ECA she could bring up this issue with  
26 the ECA and let them know that the Coalition is drafting a resolution to their Congressional  
27 delegates.  
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29 Michele thanked the Board on behalf of the Senator and stated that this type of support is  
30 exactly what galvanizes Senator Udall and is helpful to his cause.  
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32 Patrick Graham, representative from Congressman Ben Ray Luján's office: Patrick echoed  
33 Michele's remarks and thanks Mayor Lucero for her service to the Coalition for the  
34 previous year. He welcomed Commissioner Trujillo as the new Chair and stated that he  
35 looked forward to working the the rest of the new Executive Committee. Patrick said that  
36 Congressman Luján's office had been working on input for the upcoming Sandia M&O as  
37 well as the EM-LA M&O contracts that are coming up. He said that the delegation from  
38 Congressman Luján's office as well as representatives from Senator Heinrich's and Senator  
39 Udall's office met with Christine Gelles and she answered their questions aboutt he  
40 upcoming M&O contracts. He said that they reaffirmed their strong desire to move forward  
41 with community development programs that focus on workforce and STEM education and  
42 other similar programs that LANL had in the previous contract. That was all Patrick had to  
43 report this morning.  
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45 3. Commissioner Trujillo thanked the representatives from the Congressional delegation  
46 and stated that the next item on the agenda was the presentation from Rebecca Estrada, the  
47 Executive Director of the Santa Fe Higher Education Center (HEC) and Randy Griscom, the  
48 President of Santa Fe Community College (SFCC).



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2 Randy Griscom gave a brief history of the HEC. He stated that SFCC had always had a  
3 relationship with four-year universities throughout the state, but the citizens of Santa Fe  
4 needed a program that would allow them to complete four-year degrees in the city of Santa  
5 Fe. He introduced Rebecca Estrada.

6  
7 Rebecca Estrada highlighted the official mission of the HEC and discussed how they  
8 expand higher education opportunities to the citizens of Santa Fe. The HEC partners with  
9 the Institute of American Indian Arts, New Mexico Highlands University, New Mexico  
10 State University, the University of New Mexico, the Santa Fe Small Business Development  
11 Center, and other organizations to bring affordable and accessible bachelor's and graduate  
12 programs to the communities in and around Santa Fe.

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14 The HEC building has 15 classrooms, a collaborative learning lab, and two flexible  
15 instructional spaces. The universities with which the HEC partners are able to use this  
16 space. The building is a sustainable project that is environmentally friendly with an  
17 approximately 175 kWa rooftop photovoltaic array that provides over 80% of the power,  
18 72 geothermal wells, LED lighting, light sensors and more. The space is also used by the  
19 community for events and community meetings. The facility operates at close to net zero,  
20 and has earned LEED Gold Certification.

21  
22 The Institute of American Indian Arts that is located in Santa Fe partners with the HEC to  
23 offer programs for Indigenous Liberal Studies, Studio Arts, Cinematic Arts and Technology,  
24 and Museum Studies.

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26 The HEC's largest partnership in terms of student numbers is with New Mexico Highlands  
27 University. NMHU's partnership with the HEC offers Bachelor's degrees in Business  
28 Administration with concentrations in Finance, Marketing, Management, and Accounting,  
29 as well as BAs in Criminal Justice, Early Childhood and Elementary Education, and Social  
30 Work. They also offer Master's degrees in Business Administration, School Counseling and  
31 Professional Counseling, Rehabilitation Counseling, Educational Leadership and Special  
32 Education.

33  
34 The HEC also partners with New Mexico State University to offer degrees in Nursing,  
35 Electronics and Computer Engineering Technology, and starting in Spring 2016 will begin  
36 its program for Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management.

37  
38 The University of New Mexico is currently the only university partnered with the HEC that  
39 offers a PhD program, and that is currently for Organization, Information and Learning  
40 Sciences. It offers Bachelor's programs for Business Administration, Communications,  
41 Dental Hygiene, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Nursing (an RN to BSN completion track),  
42 Liberal Arts and Integrative Studies, and Radiologic Sciences. The Master's programs  
43 include Dental Hygiene, Educational Leadership, Electrical and Computer Engineering,  
44 and Public Administration.

45  
46 The HEC also works in conjunction with the Santa Fe Small Business Development Center  
47 and maintains a multitude of partners around the community through SBDC. They manage

1 the procurement assistance for small businesses so they can get more contracts with LANL.  
2 They help the small businesses get geared up for LANL contracts.

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4 A large value of the existence of the HEC is that students can complete an Associate's  
5 degree in two years, and upon completion of that Associate's degree the credits will  
6 transfer over and place the student a Junior level in a four-year Bachelor's program. The  
7 degrees. The HEC and SFCC have also partnered with the Community Program's office at  
8 LANL to organize internship opportunities.

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10 Randy Griscom noted that the HEC is also able to partner with universities outside the state  
11 to offer programs that otherwise would be unavailable in New Mexico. He stated that they  
12 hope to partner with major universities that may bring in intensive summer programs or  
13 other longer-term partnerships.

14  
15 Carol Rutten from the LANL Community Programs Office stated that there is a team at  
16 LANL working on trying to get workforce development information to address the  
17 workforce issue. Director McMillan is aware of this workforce issue and the CPO is  
18 continuing to feed information back to him, and the CPO will also report information to  
19 the Coalition as it develops.

20  
21 Councilor Henderson inquired whether or not the upper level degrees that are awarded  
22 come from the HEC or from another institution, like Santa Fe Community College. Rebecca  
23 stated that the degrees are awarded from the accredited institutions that partner with the  
24 HEC.

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26 4. Chair Trujillo thanked Rebecca Estrada and Randy Griscom for their presentation and  
27 welcomed the presenter for the next item on the agenda, Duncan Sill, the General  
28 Manager of REDI Net.

29  
30 Duncan Sill thanked the Board for allowing him to present about the REDI Net project, an  
31 Open Access Community Broadband Network serving Northern New Mexico. REDI Net is  
32 publicly owned and operated. The current setup is a culmination of many years of hard  
33 work and coordination between multiple jurisdictions, partners, and tribes in the region  
34 that came together to address a critical production gap in telecommunication affecting  
35 communities and economic development.

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37 In 2007 a regional economic development plan was developed for Northern New Mexico  
38 that identified high-speed broadband as a priority. The next year federal funding for  
39 broadband became available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. In  
40 2009 – 2010 local and tribal governments in Northern New Mexico worked together to  
41 submit applications for broadband funding. A \$10.6 million grant to construct REDI Net, a  
42 broadband network for Northern New Mexico. The leverage for the construction of this  
43 project came from community partnerships and local resources. Construction began on the  
44 REDI Net project in June of 2011 and concluded in September 2013. Over 140 miles of  
45 fiber with Point Of Presence facilities (major interconnects) was implemented, and a Joint  
46 Powers Agreement (JPA) was adopted.

1 The coverage area includes a wide geographic span over northern New Mexico and the  
2 system interconnects with the Kit Carson Electric loop. The federal funding for REDI Net  
3 was limited to the middle-mile provider, and it needs last-mile service providers to connect  
4 the system directly to the residences and local businesses in other communities. Any  
5 qualified Internet Service Provider (ISP) can sell services on the network, and they currently  
6 work with nine approved ISPs.

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8 They are trying to dedicate time and attention to communities and economic development  
9 and achieving long-term sustainability. All profits are reinvested in maintaining and  
10 improving the network utility. Partnering with last-mile service providers offers a huge  
11 economic and job creating opportunity for the communities that REDI Net connects.

12  
13 Vice-Chair Gonzales directed a question toward Councilor Gonzales of the Town of Taos.  
14 He stated that he knew about Taos' great method of offering broadband at a pretty  
15 significant speed to its citizens and local businesses, and he wonders why, if REDI Net  
16 exists and is building the key components of broadband infrastructure, are the  
17 communities of Santa Fe and Española, etc., still dealing with disparate speeds?

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19 Councilor Gonzales remarked that the Kit Carson Electric is essentially redundant. REDI  
20 Net has created the backbone for interconnectivity throughout northern New Mexico, and  
21 all that is left is the last-mile providers. The issue, at least through the educational aspect, is  
22 finding the qualified individuals to be able to operate those last-mile services. He stressed  
23 the importance of urging our higher education institutions to start offering the appropriate  
24 certificate programs to fill this need, either in fiber-splicing or information technology  
25 because these are all areas where there currently is and will continue to be a sustainable  
26 opportunity for expansion and workforce solutions.

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28 Vice-Chair Gonzales recommended that the Board setup a strategic planning session to  
29 look at developing ideas to address some of the higher education, workforce, and regional  
30 economic development opportunities that the REDI Net project is associated with.

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32 Chair Trujillo recommended creating subcommittees to address a variety of topics and  
33 thanked Duncan Sill for his presentation.

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35 5. Chair Trujillo stated that the next item on the agenda was a budget update from Brian  
36 Bosshardt.

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38 Brian Bosshardt (BB) remarked that there were two transactions from the Coalition's budget  
39 since the last month's update. The first was the monthly Executive Director services  
40 invoice, and the second was the FY16 dues to the Energy Communities Alliance. He also  
41 mentioned that he and the Executive Director would be getting the FY16 invoices out to  
42 Board members for their respective communities.

43  
44 Chair Trujillo thanked Brian for his budget update and stated that the next item on the  
45 agenda was the update from the Executive Director.

46  
47 The Executive Director, Andrea Romero (AR), informed the Board that the Coalition's DOE  
48 grant funds were on the way, and she was essentially just waiting for those to hit their bank

1 account. The following week would see the ECA Peer Exchange on the implementation of  
2 the Manhattan Project National Historical Park. National partners will be coming in to  
3 speak about the designation of the park and how that will take place. She strongly  
4 encouraged Board members to sign up to attend the event or even as many sessions as  
5 possible if unable to attend the entire conference. She reminded Board members that the  
6 Coalition would reimburse their attendance fees. Andrea thanked the outgoing Executive  
7 Committee, in particular Mayor Lucero. She stated that she learned so much while working  
8 with the Mayor and grew to understand the Coalition better as a result of their  
9 collaboration. She stated that during the previous Executive Committee meeting the dates  
10 for travel to Washington, DC were decided. The dates are September 8-11, and Andrea  
11 asked that everyone mark their calendars and make that trip with the Coalition. In  
12 preparation for the trip special sessions will likely be held to coordinate talking points.  
13 Also, because of the travel to Washington, the Coalition's monthly meeting for September  
14 will be cancelled.

15  
16 Andrea stated that she hoped all of the Board members had received a packet in the mail  
17 containing the Coalition's new brochure. She stated that it was a short print in case the  
18 current meeting saw a change in the Executive committee, which it did, and so updated  
19 brochures would be printed to reflect those changes.

20  
21 Executive Director Romero is working with Congressman Luján's office to arrange a special  
22 meeting to discuss the Washington trip, tech transfer, and workforce issues. This meeting  
23 will take place sometime in August as Congressman Luján is unable to attend the August  
24 14<sup>th</sup> Coalition meeting.

25  
26 She continued, while on the topics of technology and the future of the Coalition, and  
27 informed the Board that staff had recently launched a Twitter account for the Coalition. The  
28 account handle is @CoalitionInfo, and the account will be tweeting information relevant to  
29 LANL, LANL stakeholders, and the communities of the Coalition. She encouraged anyone  
30 who is on Twitter to get in touch with the Coalition account.

31  
32 Andrea also touched on her conversation with Liddie Martinez of the LANL Major  
33 Subcontractors Consortium and LANL and DOE's increased use of a centralized single-  
34 source procurement system. Moving toward this kind of system will inevitably result in  
35 fewer procurement dollars staying in New Mexico and lead to fewer local contractors  
36 keeping their jobs with the Laboratory. This is an issue that affects energy communities  
37 across the nation and the Coalition will be kept informed of developments as they take  
38 place.

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40 Andrea concluded her update by informing the board of her attendance to a Northern New  
41 Mexico Citizen's Advisory Board Meeting and the risk presented by the RDX explosion and  
42 its ongoing investigation. A decrease in cleanup funding would inhibit EM's ability to  
43 address this situation.

#### 44 45 **F. Meetings at a Glance – Chair Trujillo**

46 Chair Trujillo stated that the next item on the agenda was to review the upcoming Board  
47 meetings. The meeting for the month of August will take place on August 14<sup>th</sup> at the Santa  
48 Fe County Chambers. Agenda items will include approving the travel to Washington, DC,

1 LANL workforce, and an update on the tech transfer bills. The meeting for September will  
2 be postponed due to the Coalition's travel to Washington, DC. The meeting for October  
3 will take place on October 9<sup>th</sup> in the Taos County Chambers and will focus on a LANL  
4 procurement update, the Community Commitment Plan funding decision, and an update  
5 from EM on the Consent Order Agreement for post-2015. The November meeting will take  
6 place on November 13<sup>th</sup> at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo and will feature an in depth  
7 presentation from Danny Katzman on the Chromium Plume on LANL property.

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9 Vice-Chair Javier Gonzales inquired about the status of the Lifecycle Base Line Cost report  
10 from LANL, and Brian Bosshardt remarked that EM was close to having it finished and  
11 should have it delivered to the Coalition before their trip to Washington, DC. Andrea  
12 assured the Board that she continued to request that information.

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14 **G. Public Comment**

15 Chair Trujillo stated that the next item on the agenda was a period for public comment,  
16 and opened the floor to anyone from the public who wanted to speak directly to the Board.  
17 There was no one present who desired to speak to the Board, and so Chair Trujillo called  
18 for an adjournment to the meeting.

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20 The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

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34 Andrea Romero, Executive Director

# Heinrich, Bennet Introduce Bill To Launch Tech-Transfer Maturation Program

Monday, May 11, 2015

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senators Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) and Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) introduced legislation to launch a new National Laboratory Technology Maturation Program (NLTMP) at the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to facilitate successful commercialization of laboratory-developed technologies and boost regional, technology-driven economic impacts. The bill, S.1259, the National Laboratory Technology Maturation Act, will be considered during a [hearing](#) in the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources on June 4.

Under the National Laboratory Technology Maturation Program, small businesses with licensed technology from a national laboratory could apply for a voucher for up to up to \$250,000 to purchase assistance from lab scientists and engineers to mature the technology and further develop products and services until they are market-ready or sufficiently developed to attract private investment. Small businesses with vouchers could also use their local lab's special equipment, facilities, partner on a commercial prototype, or perform early-stage feasibility or later-stage field testing.

"Connecting New Mexico small businesses with scientists and engineers at Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory can spur innovation, boost our private tech industry, and create jobs," **said Sen. Heinrich.** "By providing a steady stream of technologies that could yield dividends in commercial markets, we create an environment that strengthens our economy while encouraging future innovators to discover the next breakthrough idea."

"NREL is a driving force of Colorado's innovation economy and is helping small businesses throughout our state through its pilot technology transfer program," **said Sen. Bennet.** "Expanding this program will allow more small businesses to take advantage of the resources and expertise at NREL and other national labs. This type of investment will help spur more innovation and boost our competitiveness in the 21st century economy."

A Brookings Institution [report](#) last September suggested a voucher program for local businesses could help connect national laboratories with their regions and support innovation and economic growth. The report indicated that the labs should "embrace a new mission that includes more active engagement with regional innovation systems within which they are located."

Under the NLTMP, each national laboratory could apply to DOE for up to \$5 million per year to pay the cost of the vouchers. The bill authorizes NLTMP for five years to provide sufficient time to demonstrate a return on the investment, including such factors as increased licenses to small businesses, jobs created or retained, increased sales, and subsequent funding attracted or leveraged.

Individual projects could receive vouchers up to \$250,000. All proposals would be reviewed by a board made up of both technical and business members, with representation from the commercial market.

Throughout the duration of a project, interim progress toward commercialization milestones would be tracked and measured. Each laboratory would be required to submit a report to DOE annually on their implementation of the program, and DOE will submit a report to Congress after five years summarizing the results of the program and proposing possible improvements to it.

In March, DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy [launched a small pilot program](#) that will select three to five national labs to participate in a voucher program for small businesses focused only on renewable energy and energy efficiency.

A copy of S.1259, the National Laboratory Technology Maturation Act is available [here](#).



# Heinrich, Gardner Introduce Bipartisan Bill To Boost Technology Transfer, Establish Microlabs

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 18, 2015) - U. S. Senators Martin Heinrich (D-N.M.) and Cory Gardner (R-Colo.), members of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, introduced S. 784, the Microlab Technology Commercialization Act, a bill to accelerate technology transfer by establishing off-campus microlabs that would serve as the "front-door" to national laboratories. The microlabs would give academia, local government, businesses owners, and communities direct access to equipment, facilities, and personnel of national laboratories.

"Scientists and engineers at Los Alamos National Laboratory and Sandia National Laboratories are known for developing advanced technology and scientific breakthroughs," **said Sen. Heinrich.** "If we make it easier to partner those talents and entities with New Mexico's research universities and private industries, not only will we realize the true potential for technology transfer, but those results can also boost entrepreneurship and create good, private sector jobs."

"This will further increase the value of scientific research by making it more accessible to the organizations that could use it the most," **said Sen. Gardner.** "The Microlab Technology Commercialization Act would create a link between cutting-edge scientific facilities and small businesses, local governments, and academic institutions. In Colorado, institutions like the National Renewable Energy Laboratory conduct the research that powers our new energy future. This bill will help make those innovations more available to the public, to small businesses, and to everyone who could benefit from advanced research."

The bill directs the Secretary of Energy, in consultation with directors of national laboratories, to establish microlabs based on criteria to include whether employees of a national laboratory and persons from industry, academia, and government are available to be assigned to the microlab and cost-sharing or in-kind contributions from state and local governments and private industry.

A Brookings Institution [report](#) on technology transfer found that, "Microlabs would help overcome both the problem that most labs are located outside of major metropolitan areas, and the fact that most lab research occurs 'behind the fence' of main campuses. These microlabs could take the form of additional joint research institutes or new facilities that allow access to lab expertise for untapped regional economic clusters."

There are 17 U.S. Department of Energy National Laboratories across the country, including Sandia National Laboratories and Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, and National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Colorado. The Feynman Center for Innovation at Los Alamos and the Sandia Center for Collaboration and Commercialization are examples of outside-the-fence centers where industry collaborators can partner with the labs to commercialize technology for the private market.

The bill authorizes \$50 million to cover the federal share of establishing microlabs at the participating 17 national laboratories.

A copy of the bill is available [here](#).



# DOE NATIONAL CLEANUP WORKSHOP

## AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

**8:00 AM – 9:15 AM**

*Welcome and Opening Remarks*

**9:45 AM – 10:15 AM**

*Coffee Break*

**10:15 AM – 12:00 PM**

*Key EM Successes for 2016-2017*

Construction of Salt Waste Processing Facility at SRS

D&D of Plutonium Finishing Plant at Hanford

Cleanup of the River Corridor at Hanford

Demolition of K-27 at Oak Ridge

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

*Featured Luncheon Speaker*

**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

*ROUNDTABLE: Improving Acquisitions and Contract Management*

**2:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

*Coffee Break*

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

*Recalibrating the EM Technology Development Program*

**4:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

*Planning for Deferred Maintenance*

*and Excess Facilities at DOE Sites*

**5:00 PM**

*Reception*

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

**8:00 AM – 8:30 AM**

*Welcome and Opening Remarks*

**8:30 AM – 9:45 AM**

*EM --The Next Five Years*

**9:45 AM – 10:30 AM**

*Featured Congressional Speaker*

**10:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

*Coffee Break*

**11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

*Managing Large Capital Projects at DOE*

**12:00 PM – 1:30 PM**

*Featured Luncheon Speaker*

**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM**

*Resuming Operations at the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant and the National TRU Program*

**2:30 PM -3:00 PM**

*Coffee Break*

**3:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

*DOE-EM Acquisition Outlook*

**4:00 PM**

*Adjourn*

*Note: Although separate from this meeting, the Congressional Cleanup Caucus meeting will likely on the evening of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015.*

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We are expecting this meeting to be the largest Environmental Management focused meeting in Washington, D.C. this year. Over 300 attendees will participate including senior DOE officials, Congressional leaders, DOE Contractors and state, tribal and local government leaders.

**Confirmed Speakers:**

*David Klaus, Deputy Under Secretary of Energy for Management and Performance*

*Mark Whitney, acting Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, DOE*

*Kenneth Picha, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tank Waste & Nuclear Material, DOE-EM*

*Frank Marcinowski, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Waste Management, DOE-EM*

*Jack Surash, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Project Management, DOE-EM*

*Kevin Smith, Manager, Office of River Protection, DOE-EM*

*Jack Craig, Manager, Savannah River Operations Office, DOE-EM*

*Sue Cange, Manager, Oak Ridge Office of Environmental Management, DOE-EM*

*Jack Zimmerman, Deputy Manager for the Idaho Cleanup Project, DOE Idaho Operations Office*

*Gerald Boyd, Vice President, Stoller Newport News Nuclear; Member, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board Task Force on EM Technology Development*

*Bill Murphie, Manager, Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, DOE-EM Ralph Holland, acting Director, EM Consolidated Business Center*

*Mayor Steve Young, Kennewick, WA, ECA Vice-Chair*

*Seth Kirshenberg, Executive Director, Energy Communities Alliance*

*Terry Michalske, Director, Savannah River National Laboratory*

*Jim Blankenhorn, WIPP Recovery Manager, Nuclear Waste Partnership LLC*

*Frank Sheppard, Project Manager, Parsons-SWPF*

*John Ciucci, President, CH2M Hill Plateau Remediation Co.*

*Scott Sax, President Washington Closure Hanford*

*Ken Reuter, President, URS-CH2M Oak Ridge (UCOR)*

*Peggy McCullough, Project Manager-WTP, Bechtel National*

*Robert Cochran, President, CB&I Federal Services*

*William Morrison, President, Energy Solutions Government Group*

*Michael Graham, Principal Vice President, Bechtel National*

*Dyan Foss, Global Managing Director for Nuclear, CH2M*

**HOTEL INFORMATION**

ECA has reserved a block of rooms at the rate of \$278.00 per night at the **Key Bridge Marriott Hotel**, located at 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA 22209. To make reservations, please call [1-877-212-5752](tel:1-877-212-5752). When making your reservation, ask for the **Cleanup Workshop Meeting** for September 29-30th, 2015. You can also make your reservations online [here](https://aws.passkey.com/event/14081992/owner/17350/home):

<https://aws.passkey.com/event/14081992/owner/17350/home>. Reservations **must** be received by **5:00 PM**, Sunday, September 13th, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Worley by email at [sharon.worley@energyca.org](mailto:sharon.worley@energyca.org) or by phone at [\(202\) 828-2413](tel:(202)828-2413).

**We look forward to your participation.**

*Please note that ECA cannot offer refunds to program registrants unless the cancellation is received three (3) weeks prior to the meeting. However, replacements are welcome until three (3) business days prior to the meeting.*

August 10, 2015

Andrea D. Romero, Executive Director  
Regional Coalition of LANL Communities  
[Andrea@RegionalCoalition.org](mailto:Andrea@RegionalCoalition.org)

Dear Ms. Romero,

Thank you for your time last week and for the chance to discuss the annual Regional Economic Development Initiative (REDI) State of the Region Conference which will take place on September 23, 2015. We deeply appreciate the consideration of the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities as a sponsor the event.

The REDI plan was developed in 2008 and 2009 with funding provided by Los Alamos County as a 25-year strategic economic plan for Northern New Mexico. In 2010, the plan was adopted by 7 local governments (Santa Fe County, City of Santa Fe, Los Alamos County, Rio Arriba County, City of Espanola, Taos County and the Town of Taos) and the 8 Northern Indian Pueblos Council. Each year since its adoption, REDI has held an annual State of the Regional Conference which brings together elected officials, state, tribal and local government representatives, private businesses, educational entities and business organizations from throughout the region to review and provide input on the plan and the activities and progress toward shared economic goals. About 100 participants usually join us for the event.

We know that economic development is a priority of the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities. We are asking the Regional Coalition to join us as a sponsor of the event and are respectfully requesting that you consider a \$1,500 sponsorship. As an event sponsor, we will proudly recognize the Regional Coalition in all promotional materials including the invitation, program and follow-up from the conference. We would also recognize the Regional Coalition at the Conference and invite a representative from the Regional Coalition to deliver remarks to the audience.

Thank you again for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [Kathy@rdcnm.org](mailto:Kathy@rdcnm.org) or Val Alonzo, REDI Program Manager at [Val@rdcnm.org](mailto:Val@rdcnm.org).

Sincerely,



Kathy Keith  
Executive Director



## Executive Director Update, August 14, 2015

### Meetings with New RCLC Chair

- Walk through with new Chair, Commissioner Barney Trujillo on issues facing the Coalition. Designated three major topics to cover:
  - Hiring new, local workforce at LANL
  - Protecting local contractors: EM Contracting/DOE Procurement and the Supply Chain Management Center
  - Long-term strategy for cleanup funding

### Decision on Cancellation of DC Trip

- Poor timing on EM cleanup budget requests
  - No Lifecycle Baseline Cost
  - Consent Order Agreement expires December 2015
- More urgent issues with EM contracting and SCMC
- Will revisit travel possibility for first week in November

### ECA Peer Exchange: Manhattan Project Historical National Park

- Three leaders from each location to be appointed
- Continued discussion to take place at each site with joint conversation to be had
- Reserved social media pages: Facebook & Twitter

### NNMCAB Meeting

#### Legacy Cleanup Completion Project

- FY16-FY17 → Groundwater remediation, etc. is to understand LANS' approach to overall plans for cleanup.
  - 2016-2017 is when the EM/NNSA Bridge Contract will be executed
  - 2017 is when EM expects to award the first cleanup contract.
  - Work is organized into "**scope categories**" → Chromium, Aggregate Areas, Above Grade TRU
  - San Ildefonso Pueblo will construct the first non-Lab property well on their property in the history of DOE.

### Christine Gelles, EMLA update

- Above 'grade' TRU is the most important work that is the majority of their investment, along with RDX and Chromium. The joint federal action plan is EMLA, LANS and NNSA corrective action plans.
- Chromium work: installing a well in San I. The idea is to ensure the plume isn't going too far.
- Chromium EA - <http://www.energy.gov/nepa/ea-2005-chromium-plume-control-interim-measure-and-plume-center-characterization-los-alamos>
- The acquisition strategy has been through every hoop, they then may be able to see what happens in the next couple weeks. The acquisition leaders are planning the acquisition at the same time as everything else. The prices may be wrong even when the RFPs go out. The Acquisition schedule may be limited without the other items stated.
- LANS will decide on how they will contract out new EM contracts. LANS will make the decision.
  - The transition will decide the scope of how LANS will manage cleanup in the future.

### NMED/EM-LA - Consent Order Renegotiation

- NMED is now targeting the settlement agreements being done. They want to have it done by the end of the calendar year, 2015.
- In 2004, only 30-day public comment period provided to discuss terms of current consent order agreement. We'll likely have a 60-day period to comment for the new consent order agreement.
- New Consent Order to have 1-year enforceable milestones + 3-year look-ahead. If they miss a milestone, then there would be enforcement potential on getting the job done.
- NMED: 'Everything put into 1-year enforceable schedule *must* be funded.
- NMED also said their Consent Order does not explicitly say it expires in Dec 2015. There was a debate as to the validity of this statement.

**JLH Media Contract Expiration**

JLH contract expires November 10, 2015. Allows for two additional one-year renewals. Contract requires an end of the year report.

- Recommendation: Closed session meeting to review performance for the year, sometime between September and October meetings. Board to review the contract scope for any potential changes. Confirm in October.
- Necessary for Board to take action to extend at the October meeting, (contract expires two days before the November Board meeting).

**Energy Summit with Martin Heinrich & Vice-Chair of RCLC**



# REGIONAL COALITION of LANL COMMUNITIES

City of Española – Pueblo of Jemez – Los Alamos County – Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh  
Rio Arriba County – Santa Fe County – City of Santa Fe – Taos County – Town of Taos

August 10, 2015

Dr. Monica C. Regalbuto  
Associate Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
U.S. Department of Energy  
Office of Environmental Management  
1000 Independence Ave., SW  
Washington, DC 20585

Dear Dr. Regalbuto,

We congratulate and welcome you to your new position and look forward to a long and lasting relationship with us, the Regional Coalition of LANL Communities of northern New Mexico. As we welcome you, we must also provide you some history and information on what will help us succeed as Coalition of stewards of our State.

In February 2015, the Coalition traveled to Washington, DC, at which time we requested \$255M in cleanup funds for FY 16 in order to conduct an annual operation to reach our desired cleanup results. Per the feedback from this trip and other discussions with various Appropriations staff and Congressional officials, we have been told multiple times that without a Lifecycle Baseline Cost we will not be able to truly defend our monetary request for desired cleanup dollars.

For several years now, we have been waiting for the Lifecycle Baseline Cost in order to be the best possible stewards of the New Mexico environment and wholly understand what is required to fund a full-scope of cleanup work over what amount of time. After requesting this information for three consecutive years, we are still awaiting receipt of this document. We believe this information to be vital for properly advocating for cleanup funding for Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL).

The Coalition was recently provided a draft document from Environmental Management at Los Alamos (EM-LA) illuminating six cleanup projects estimating the overall budget to be \$937.1M. This document curiously did not express a timeline for completion. With \$189M in funding for FY15, it seems likely EM will only complete 21% of the full-scope of the six projects listed, and we have yet to be informed of the full list of all cleanup projects to be accomplished across the LANL property. In short, the Coalition has become impatient with the delay in knowing the full extent of cost, timeline and risk factors in cleaning up the legacy waste in Los Alamos.

While we continue to wait, our communities suffer without knowing what it will take to get their lands cleaned up properly. While we continue to wait, we are told that a Consent Order Agreement with the State of New Mexico and EM-LA cannot be accurately crafted, and therefore our advocacy and a request for proper cleanup appropriation thus far has seemed to have been in vain.

We are becoming impatient as our cleanup funding has dropped from \$225 million (FY14) to \$189 million (FY15), and now this year's House appropriations bill proposes another decrease to only \$180 million. We are forced to sit back while expecting the FY16 budget for EM-LA to further decline. *Los Alamos is the only site throughout the U.S. that is likely to see an EM budget cut.* We feel

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powerless in our advocacy without the proper tools to speak representatively on why we have requested our cleanup dollars, and for what reason.

As the responsible party for EM sites across the country, we ask you to lead the charge for an expedited release of the EM-LA Lifecycle Baseline Cost to our communities. We ask that you help us in doing all you can to ensure we are empowered in our advocacy for cleaning up our communities and responding to the needs of our citizens. Again, we welcome you warmly to your position. We wish you the very best as you get situated and hope you would help us with this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Chair, Commissioner Barney Trujillo, Rio Arriba County  
Vice Chair, Javier Gonzales, Mayor of Santa Fe  
Secretary/Treasurer, County Councilor Kristin Henderson, Los Alamos County Council  
Mayor Alice Lucero, City of Española  
Governor Raymond Loretto, Pueblo of Jemez  
Governor Earl Salazar, Pueblo of Ohkay Owingeh  
Commissioner Henry Roybal, Santa Fe County  
Commissioner Mark Gallegos, Taos County  
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# Talking Points

Breakfast with Representative Ben Ray Luján – August 4, 2015

## Issue #1 – Local, Small Business Procurement vs. Supply Chain Management Center

**Since 2006, local NM contractors have lost business to the Supply Chain Management Center (SCMC). The SCMC has increasingly become the method in which DOE and LANL have procured their goods and services, claiming they are ‘saving taxpayer dollars’ by procuring these goods through the centralized system. Both Sandia and LANL have reported contractor grievances since the SCMC came into play, making this a full-on NM problem.**

### Background

The SCMC was established in August 2006 by the NNSA, to be centralized within their Kansas City Plant, presently managed by the Honeywell Corporation. The SCMC mission is “to coordinate the implementation of an acquisition and supply chain management system to leverage NNSA's purchasing power to gain pricing and process efficiencies.” Since its inception, SCMC reported \$237 million in savings to taxpayers through FY13, though NNSA’s actual claims of savings have since been disputed by internal auditing. On the SCMC Group website, Honeywell touts that over 86.8% of its contracts are awarded to “small businesses,” which, by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) definition, are companies with 500 employees or fewer.

As reported by the LANL Major Subcontractors Consortium (MSC), since 2009, LANL local contractors have decreased from 4,000 to 2,000 as a result of stimulus funding ending, guard force reductions, less hiring through COMPA, and suspension of TRU waste shipments.

### Questions:

- Would you be willing to support our efforts with the Department of Energy to form regional buying coalitions to bid on SCMC contracts?
- Would you be willing to voice your support to continue the LANL 5% local bidding preference that assists New Mexico companies win contracts with LANL?
- How would you recommend that we organize and advocate in Washington, DC to communicate our dissatisfaction with the contracting methods being pushed by the SCMC?
- Can we, as the Coalition and your Congressional office, require DOE and SCMC to have to report on the small business dollars spent locally versus those spent through SCMC and through other big businesses?
- Currently “cost savings” and investment in “small business,” (or <500 employees, an SBA definition that does not fit NM’s small business profile) seem to be the only metrics in describing the value the SCMC is providing to the taxpayer. Can we come up with alternative metrics to show that the centralized system and “cost savings” should not be the only thresholds of success?
- Can we have local metrics to show the damage the SCMC is doing to local contractors and LANL procurement dollars staying in NM?
- What sort of data can we require so that we keep our contractors in their jobs?



## Issue #2 – NNSA/LANL Workforce

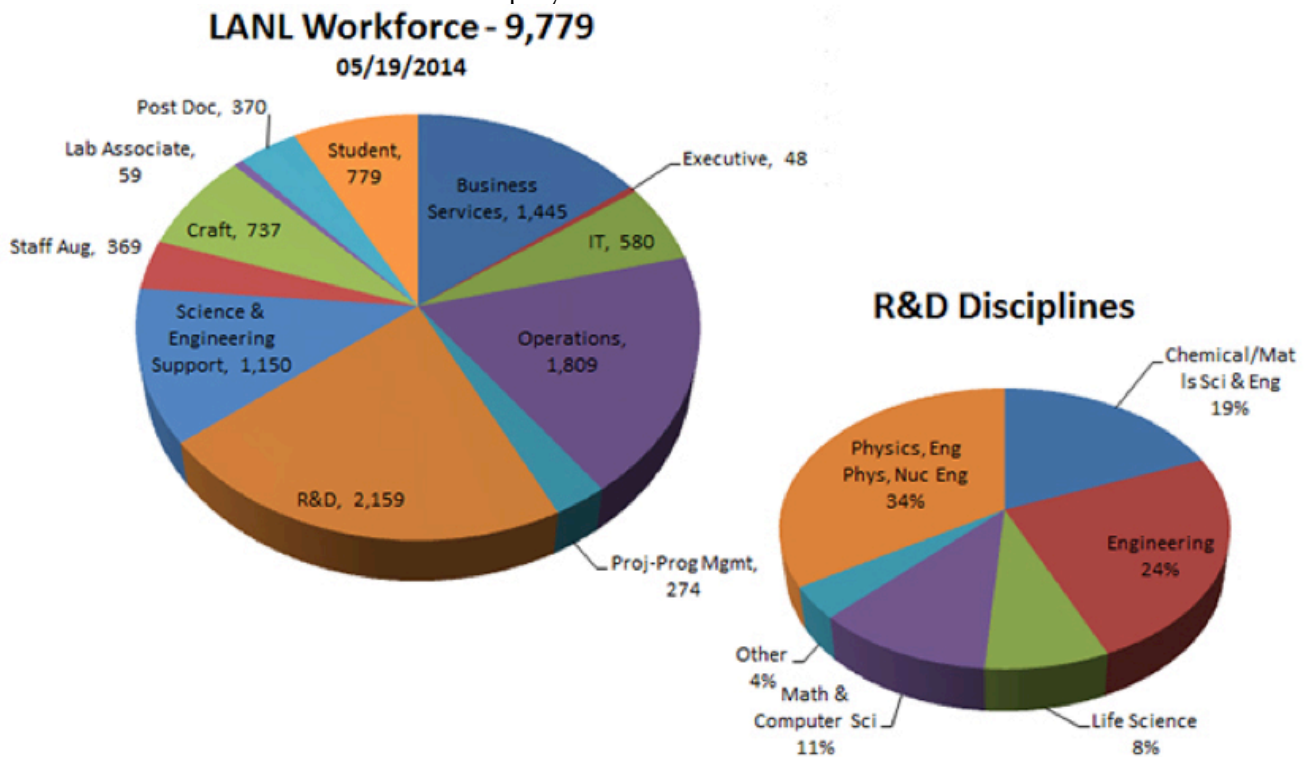
The Coalition would like to know what the long-term strategy is to hire and procure LANL/NNSA workforce in order to fill the current gaps in retirement-aged personnel and a looming crisis in loss of talent from the Lab. It is critical for LANL, our largest job supplier in Northern NM, to continue to employ and properly train a steady workforce in order to maintain local jobs, and more broadly, our national security objectives.

### Background

Director Charles McMillan and the NNSA reported in Feb 2015 32% of their Los Alamos Field Office to be “currently eligible for retirement.” Attrition rates in NNSA are 16%. Despite the reports of dire numbers in job loss and gaps in workforce, no plan to fill these jobs has been announced. We would like to know if there is a strategy as to how these gaps will be filled, especially as NNSA workforce has been specifically characterized by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) and other audits as lacking in proper protocols for training and not meeting NNSA safety and security requirements.

We know, more broadly, that the DOE hiring crisis is a national issue. We would like to be able to craft a plan locally, to respond to this issue, in order to demonstrate that we may be able to identify a means in which other complexes can respond to their hiring needs.

Here is the most recent breakdown of Lab employees:



### Questions:

- The communities of Northern New Mexico would like to partner with LANL on issues like hiring of new employees, working with retirees to start new businesses, and working with our local higher education institutions to offer training that helps them get hired at LANL. Would you be willing to advocate to LANL to work with us?
- Is there anything we can do to maximize the number of new hires coming from New Mexico?
- Can we combine forces to ensure that NNSA/LANL provides us an updated plan on how they will get to work on hiring the personnel they need to meet their hiring needs?
- It would be help to understand the LANL budget outlook for the next five years to understand if they are going to hire back all the people they will lose through attrition. Can we convene to ensure we hold them accountable in future years, and perhaps monitor each year to review progress?

### Issue #3 – Strategy on Increasing Cleanup Funding

**The EM cleanup budget for LANL seems to be ever decreasing, while other EM sites have seen steady or increasing budgets. We need to come up with a plan to ensure our budget does not decrease, and instead, the Coalition would like to see an increase over time.**

#### Background

For the past several years, we have been requesting \$250M for cleanup funding without a standing EM office, EM Lifecycle Baseline Cost (the long-term budget and strategy for cleanup work) and Consent Order Agreements. As cleanup advocates, the Coalition has been unsuccessful in making a defensible argument in regards to justifying our EM budget request. All the while, our cleanup budget has decreased over the years while our local communities suffer as the waste situation remains unresolved.

The FY16 request of \$185.2M (likely \$180M by the House's request) creates an 8% decrease in budget from FY15. With the steady decrease, we believe there may be no end in sight. We do not believe we have heard valid responses as to why our budget continues to decline while our communities are the ones who suffer due to lack of cleanup.

#### Questions:

- Can we as elected and tribal officials of northern NM, develop an FY17 and otherwise, long-term strategy to ensure that we no longer see decreases in our budget?
- How can we make it known that we will no longer accept a decline in budget allocation, regardless of the excuses we have heard in regards to why LANL has continued to see a decline in cleanup dollars?
- We have asked the Department of Energy multiple times to see the lifecycle baseline cost for the cleanup activities at LANL, and expect to see it within the next week. Unfortunately, to date we still have seen nothing. Can you help us in ensuring we receive that information?



**Summary of Receipts and Disbursements**  
**Inception to date, as of 8/11/15**

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ -
Receipts	
Member Contributions	\$ 699,375.00
DOE Grant Reimbursables	\$ 72,224.95
Disbursements	
Executive Director Services	\$ (490,184.54)
Legal Services	\$ (324.56)
Membership & Subscriptions	\$ (2,850.00)
Travel	\$ (23,708.94)
Other Professional Services	\$ (10,000.00)
Other Meeting Expenses	\$ (95.79)
Disbursements	\$ (527,163.83)
Ending Cash Balance	\$ 244,436.12

### Member Contributions to Date

City of Española	\$	16,000.00
Los Alamos County	\$	585,000.00
Pubeblo of Ohkay Owingeh	\$	10,000.00
Rio Arriba County	\$	22,500.00
City of Santa Fe	\$	22,500.00
Santa Fe County	\$	28,500.00
Taos County	\$	7,875.00
Town of Taos	\$	7,000.00
	\$	699,375.00